(viii) Natural Gas: Ten percent of the value of the natural gas obtained at well head

(c) The royalty to the State Governments on crude oil in case of nomination blocks given to National Oil Companies (NOCs) is 20% of well head price and under NELP regime it is 12.5% of the well head value. Royalty on natural gas is 10% at well head.

Response to NELP-VI

†4043. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the response of various companies with regard to the tenders given for the proposed block under NELP-VI;

(b) whether it is a fact that foreign companies have also been invited to participate in this sector;

(c) if so, the details of the said scheme and the expected benefits thereof; and

(d) the efforts being made to ensure that the companies making profit from this sector plough back a lion's share of it in the country itself?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The Government of India, on 23rd February, 2006, has offered 55 blocks comprising of 24 deep water, 6 shallow water and 25 onshore blocks under the sixth round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-VI). NELP provides for offering of blocks through International Competitive Bidding system, wherein domestic and foreign companies can participate. The bid closing date for NELP-VI is 15th September, 2006.

The NELP provides a level playing field for both domestic and foreign comapnies. The fiscal and contractual terms and conditions under NELP are the same for Indian and foreign companies. Evaluation of bids is carried out by adopting a transparent and quantitative bid evaluation criteria, which has been made public in the Notice Inviting Offers for NELP-VI.

(d) The rights and obligations of the companies are covered by the Production Sharing Contracts signed with the Government. Exploration

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of oil and gas requires large risk capital and advanced technologies and one of the incentives given to foreign companies is to permit them to repatriate the net proceeds of sales of Petroleum. By offering incentives under NELP, the Government through bidding rounds invite companies to invest risk capital. Some of the companies operating in India, have participated in the bidding rounds and expanded their E & P assets. Government in its turn gets a share of Production as its profit share which is a biddable parameter under NELP.

Rehabilitation of Farmers

†4044. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide any job to the families of those farmers whose will are acquired by it for oil extraction.

(b) if so, the rules in this regard; and

(c) the number of people provided with jobs under these rules and number of families still deprived of such job facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Requirement of Petroleum Product

4045. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of increase in the price of each of the petroleum products during the last two years;

(b) the percentage of increase of petroleum products requirement during the last two years, for each product; and

(c) the steps taken to arrest the trend of increasing the price of petroleum products very often?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The percentage of increase

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